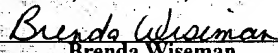




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Sir:

The present remarks are in response to the March 3, 2006 Office Action where the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 11-14, 17 and 19-28. Before reconsideration of the present Application, please enter the accompanying amendments to the claims and specification and consider the accompanying responsive remarks. A copy of a petition submitted to the Office of Petitions is enclosed herewith.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS FOR AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated below. In the following amendments, an underline is used to indicate added text, and strikeouts are used to indicate deleted text. Brackets may also be used for deleted text or characters when strikeouts are not sufficiently clear, e.g., such as striking out a hyphen.

Claims 22, 24, and 25-27 were amended to include the word “dermal” in connection with the phrase drug delivery system. Such an amendment is supported in the originally filed specification on page 3, ll. 20-25.

Claim 29 has been amended so as to include that phrase dermal drug delivery system. Support for such an amendment can be found in the originally filed specification on page 3, ll. 20-25. Additional support can be found in the Examples of the original specification.